

Sinclair Broadcasting's decision to force their stations to air an anti-Kerry documentary days is preposterous and a slap in the face to the intelligence of its viewers. Do you actually think that people are so stupid that they will accept it as "news". Do you think that people won't make a big fuss about it?

I don't care if you air two anti-candidate documentaries back to back with plenty of fact checkers on hand after the show to discuss each disputed point using the documentaries as a way to discuss the proliferation of documentaries out on the candidates these days. But what Sinclair is doing is using the public airwaves for one long free-of-charge Republican ad. Who would think that is fair? Are you out of your minds? I have heard that many liberals may just start to boycott Fox News and other Sinclair news stations so that they cannot call themselves fair, balanced or in the public interest at all.

All stations, including Sinclair use the public airwaves free of charge, and are obligated by law to serve the public interest. This one sided approach does not serve the public interest. Only an idiot would believe that. It's as plain as day. I do not believe that you guys even believe that it actually serves to inform the community to show such one sided programs. But then again, if you are not really journalist, but just entertainment business people you might miss the whole point. I hope not. Or just be honest and call your programs propaganda or dark entertainment.

I also want to see more reporters in my community. I see too many national, cheap programs and very little investigative local journalism.

Sinclair's actions show why we need the FCC to strengthen media ownership rules, not weaken them. They show why the license renewal process needs more scrutiny.

Thank you.

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